

How to Lose in Life – 2 Kings 20

FBC Nacogdoches – Sunday, June 21, 2020 – A.M. Message

Discussion Guide

Discover

- Which statement or experience stood out to you from the worship service?
- Read 2 Kings 19:14-19.
 - This is the letter from the Assyrian king threatening to destroy Jerusalem. What do you think the Bible means when it says that Hezekiah spread it out before the Lord?
 - Notice the different parts of Hezekiah's prayer. What did Hezekiah say about the Lord? What did he say about the enemy? What did he ask the Lord to do?
 - What lessons can Christians today learn from Hezekiah's prayer?
- Read 2 Kings 20:12-18.
 - Why do you think Hezekiah showed the envoys from Babylon all of this treasure and armaments? What was Hezekiah's motivation?
 - Why was Isaiah so upset about what Hezekiah did?
 - What did God say would be the ultimate consequence of Hezekiah's foolish actions?
- Read 2 Kings 20:19 & 2 Kings 21:1-3.
 - What do you think Hezekiah meant when he said the word of the Lord was good?
 - What was Hezekiah guilty of in 2 Kings 20:19?
 - What do you think is the connection between Hezekiah living 15 more years and Manasseh, his evil son, being 12 years old when Hezekiah died?
 - Why do you imagine Manasseh undid almost everything Hezekiah accomplished as depicted in 2 Kings 21:1-3?
- Read 2 Chronicles 32:27-31.
 - What was the "test" that God gave to Hezekiah? How did Hezekiah do with this test?
 - How might God be testing us the same way he tested Hezekiah?

Respond

- In the sermon, the pastor repeated the statement: "Hezekiah passed the test of adversity, but he failed the test of prosperity." What does that mean? What does it look like when someone fails the test of prosperity today? Why is the test of prosperity so much harder than the test of adversity for many men?
- David, Solomon, Hezekiah all ultimately failed. How does the faithfulness and the conclusion of Jesus Christ, our true King, compare and contrast with their lives?

Bonus for Thinkers

- Why does it seem that men are more prone to fail the test of prosperity than women?